February 17, 2005

RE: RFP DGS-2053 Addendum #8

TO ALL INTERESTED BIDDERS:

The requirements of RFP DGS-2053 have been protested, and additional time of at least 30 days was requested for submission of the conceptual proposals and proposed changes to contract language following the State's response to the protests. The DGS/TD is evaluating the concerns raised in the protests, and is granting the additional time to submit conceptual proposals and proposed changes to contract language. During this period, the RFP schedule is temporarily suspended.

The Key Action Dates in Section 1 have been revised to reflect this change. A revised copy of pages 9 and 10 of Section 1 are attached. A subsequent addendum notifying bidders of the specific revised dates will be released at a later date. A further update will be provided within 30 days of this addendum.

<u>Please replace the RFP pages with the pages included in this addendum.</u> When this addendum is posted on the CALNET II RFP home page, RFP Section 1 will be updated on the CALNET II home page with these changes as well.

Please send any questions to me via e-mail.

Sincerely,

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KEY ACTION DATES:

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1.	Release of RFP	November 8, 2004
2.	Last Day to Submit Questions for Clarification at Bidders Conference	November 17, 2004
3.	Bidders Conference (see Section 1.6)	December 2, 2004
4.	Final Date to Submit Requests to Change the RFP Requirements1	January 14, 2005
5.	Last day to submit Letter of Intent to Bid, signed Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement, Financial Responsibility Information, and evidence of CPUC certification to provide services (Pre-qualification Documentation)2	January 18, 2005
6.	Last day for State to respond to Requests to Change RFP Requirements	January 28, 2005
7.	Last Day to Protest the RFP Requirements1	February 4, 2005
8.	Submission of Conceptual Proposal	To Be Determined
9.	Submission of Proposed Changes to Contract Language	To Be Determined
10.	Confidential Discussions with Individual Bidders regarding Conceptual Proposals	To Be Determined
11.	Last day for State Response to Contract Language Change Requests	To Be Determined
12.	Submission of Detailed Technical Proposals	To Be Determined
13.	Confidential Discussions regarding Detailed Technical Proposals	To Be Determined
14.	Submission of Draft Proposals	To Be Determined
15.	Confidential Discussions regarding Draft Proposals	To Be Determined
16.	Submission of Final Proposals (by 5:00 PM)3	To Be Determined
17.	Demonstration (if required)4	To Be Determined

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¹ OR five business days following the last addendum that changes the requirements of the RFP. See Section 2.2.6, Questions Regarding the Solicitation, and Section 2.5.1, Initial Protest.

² See Exhibits 1-A, 1-C, 1-D, and RFP Sections 6.2.1.1 and 6.2.1.2

³ Bidders are strongly encouraged to review the Bidder's final proposal checklist; Exhibit 1-B, prior to submitting final proposals.

⁴ These dates are subject to change dependent upon the length of time necessary for the State to complete the evaluation process (and negotiations if initiated by DGS). Bidders will be notified via e-mail of any changes.

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<u>ACTION</u>	DATE/TIME
18. Public Cost Opening4	To Be Determined
19. Negotiation pursuant to PCC §6611 (if initiated by DGS)4, 5	To Be Determined
20. Notification of Intent to Award4	To Be Determined
21. Last Day to Protest Selection4	To Be Determined
22. Contract Award and Execution4	To Be Determined

1.6 BIDDERS CONFERENCE

Bidders will be afforded the opportunity to meet with State personnel to discuss the content of the bid and the procurement process. Written questions received prior to the conference will be answered and posted on the CALNET II homepage or answered at the conference without divulging the source of the query. The State may also accept oral questions during the conference and attempt to provide answers during the conference. Oral answers shall not be binding on the State. A sign-in sheet will be provided to document attendance.

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Date: December 2, 2004

Place: Dept of General Services

Ziggurat Auditorium

707 3rd Street

West, Sacramento, CA 95605

1.7 INTENT TO BID

Bidders that want to participate in the RFP steps must submit a notification of intent to bid on this procurement in accordance with the Bidder's Intent to Submit a Proposal contained in this section, to receive additional information. <u>Only those Bidders acknowledging interest in this RFP will receive additional correspondence regarding this procurement.</u>

The letter should identify the contact person for the solicitation process, plus include a phone and fax number. There is to be only one (1) contact person during the RFP process. Information relating to a Bidder will only be given to the designated contact person.

It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to immediately notify the State Procurement Official, in writing, regarding any revision to the information pertaining to the designated contact person

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⁵ DGS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to engage in negotiations pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 6611 and the guidelines and procedures adopted in accordance therewith including, but not limited to, Administrative Order 04-03 (issued March 5, 2004) or any amendments or replacements thereto.